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## Door slams on O.C. jobs

### Board of supervisors target libraries, jails

By Steve Castaneda  
el Don Editor in Chief

Orange County Chief Executive Officer William J. Popejoy announced plans March 7 to eliminate over 1,000 county workers, the largest layoff in county government history.

In addition to outlining a move that would balance the county's budget for the next fiscal year, Popejoy's budget proposal calls for deleting another 563 vacant positions, for a total saving of \$188 million. The cuts, which must be approved by the supervisor, would reduce the county's original 1994-95 operating budget of \$463 million by 40.6 percent leaving it with a 1995-96 budget of \$275 million.

Popejoy's drastic cuts would slam the doors to six libraries, send dozens of serious offenders with gang affiliations back on the streets, shut down a dump, and take many similar steps that are painful to county employees.

"It hurts me to present this plan to you because I know it will cause serious pain to so many innocent people," Popejoy told the Board of Supervisors.

Popejoy has promised to try everything he can first, before turning to taxes. None of the five supervisors however, supports a tax increase. **Please see CRISIS, Page 3**



Rancho students protest the proposed budget cuts and county layoffs.

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**News Feature**

## Money For Something

Better aid for disabled students a long time coming

By John Petito

Most RSC students view the recent Santa Ana campus construction changes with a mixture of irritated anticipation. But not Heidi Van Pelt. "The changes let me be more independent ... I like that."

Van Pelt, a Liberal Studies major and student worker for RSC's Disabled Students Center, is referring specifically to the newest modifications taking place everywhere on the Santa Ana campus. The changes will provide better access to RSC's 1,000 plus disabled students and are not directly related to the current and much larger construction projects.

As a wheelchair user, she benefits directly. "I really appreciate the new curb cuts!"

Robert Partridge, the Administrative Dean for Facility Planning and Campus Services explains that the project was bid at approximately nine hundred thousand

dollars and involves many changes throughout the Santa Ana campus.

"There will be better accessibility to rest rooms including turnaround space wider door openings and raising the height of sinks and toilets," explains Partridge.

The project also includes the changing of door knobs to lever hardware that is easier to grasp, better signs including braille signs, installation of ramps and improvement of elevator controls to name just a few of the items on the project's list.

The money for this project comes from the Capitol Outlay Fund from the State Chancellor's Office for Community Colleges in Sacramento.

"This money is coming to us from the state and is not in any way tied up with the recent County of Orange bankruptcy," explains Partridge, "therefore, the project will continue on schedule and be completed by July of

this year."

Partridge said the District is "extremely excited" about the scope of work involved in this project and what it means to RSC's disabled students.

"Our commitment is providing improved accessibility to all students and in particular our disabled population and we feel that this project goes a long way toward attaining that goal," said Partridge explaining the District's stand.

"From the very beginning, our Disabled Students Center was involved in the planning for this project along with a consultant who was also disabled and provided valuable information to help us better define the work involved."

Indeed, the disabled students at RSC have long had a strong advocate to help them

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**MAKING THE GRADE Part II**

## Coping with labels

■ Disabled students moving beyond educational stereotypes

By Sunni DeNicola  
Special to the el Don

Dyslexia is only one of the complex diagnoses that may be applied to LD individuals.

For example, ADHD (also called ADD) affects 3 to 5 percent of the population, mostly males. In about half the cases, it continues past childhood. It is a broad term that describes a set of behaviors, primarily short attention span, hyperactivity and impulsiveness.

But having an LD does not mean a person cannot learn. As more is being discovered about LDs, methods are being developed that allow for alternative forms of learning. With some accommodations, many people with LDS can successfully

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## Campus / Briefly

### Degrees from pizza

If students of Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. don't graduate in four years, classes after that are free.

However, students cannot simply dally around. In order to qualify, students must take 16 hours a semester, get C's in their classes, and decide upon a major in their sophomore year.

Administrators at the 700-student college came up with the idea after hearing that many students at public universities couldn't enroll in the classes they needed to graduate.

The guarantee that will be provided to next year's freshmen will ensure that students will have access to all required courses within the four-year period.

### Clinton shows interest

Clinton promises to veto Republican's plans that propose students pay back the interest accumulated on loans while they were still in school.

Clinton claims the Republicans want to pay for the tax cuts in their Contract with America by eliminating the student loan subsidy.

If the subsidies are eliminated, graduates making payments on a typical \$5000 student loan would be charged an additional \$350 in interest for each year they were in school.

### Hate mail at U.C.

Minority students enrolled in the Boalt Hall School of Law at UC-Berkeley received fliers filled with racial slurs and attacks on the school's affirmative action admissions policies.

More than 500 Berkeley students showed support for these students by participating in a campus protest against the fliers a few days after the incident.

However, officials at Berkeley are concerned that the person responsible is linked to the university because the material was sent to students whose mailboxes are coded according to who receives minority law journals.

### Blood drive begins March 22

RSC students are encouraged to donate blood. Save a life, give blood.

-Compiled By Monique Morgan

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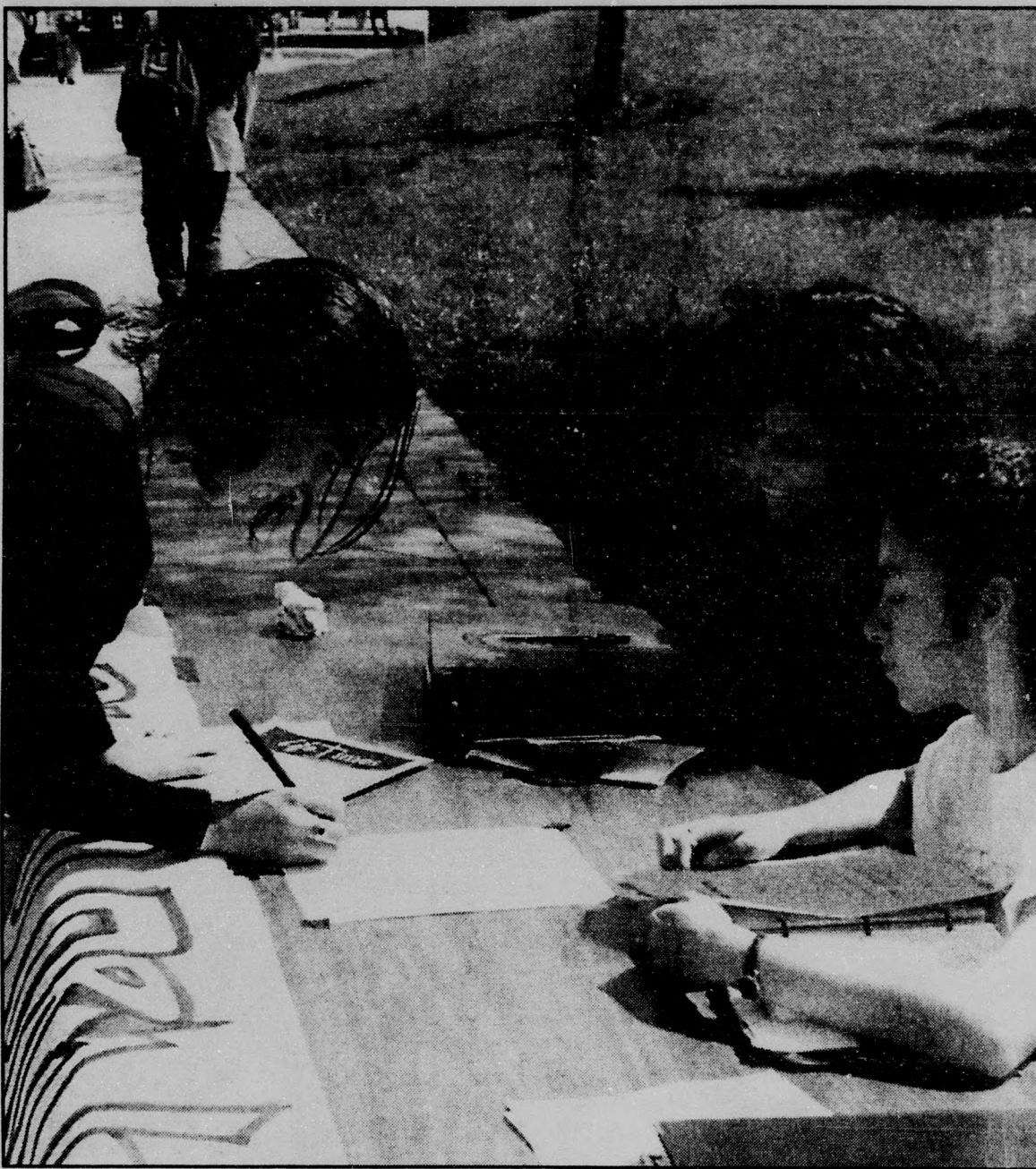
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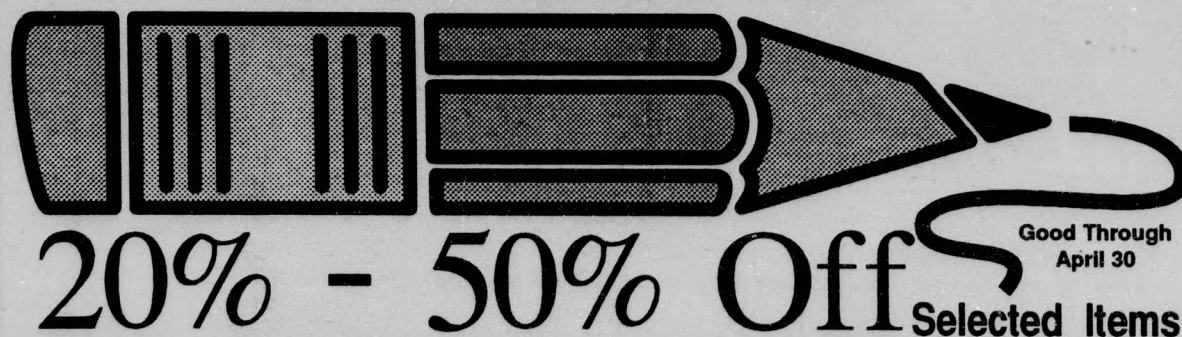
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# Student services triples size

By Monique Morgan  
el Don Staff Writer

When the dust finally settled, where once a cramped, chaotic maze of papers and cubicles was, a more efficient Student Service Center stands ready to assist three times more students.

RSC's Financial Aid, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, Outreach, and Student Support Services departments expanded their ability to help RSC students with help from the district that included much needed equipment as well as new office space.

The Financial Aid and EOPS offices were joined together and the students who visited either of the two stood in separate lines that weren't so separate while counselors scurried around in noisy, cramped offices trying to provide students with efficient, personalized service.

Similarly, the office space for EOPS had never been enlarged. It originally handled only 300 students, but now handles over 1000.

"The problems stemmed from the office's inability to be updated with Financial Aid's increase in students and employees," said Marlene Fredericksen, RSC financial aid

officer.

Financial Aid and EOPS offices were separated, and Financial Aid remodeled and expanded all of the space, received new offices, extended external walls to the ceilings, and got new carpeting. "Students have more privacy when speaking to counselors, and improved service because of the expanded space and the employee's all around increased morale," said Fredericksen.

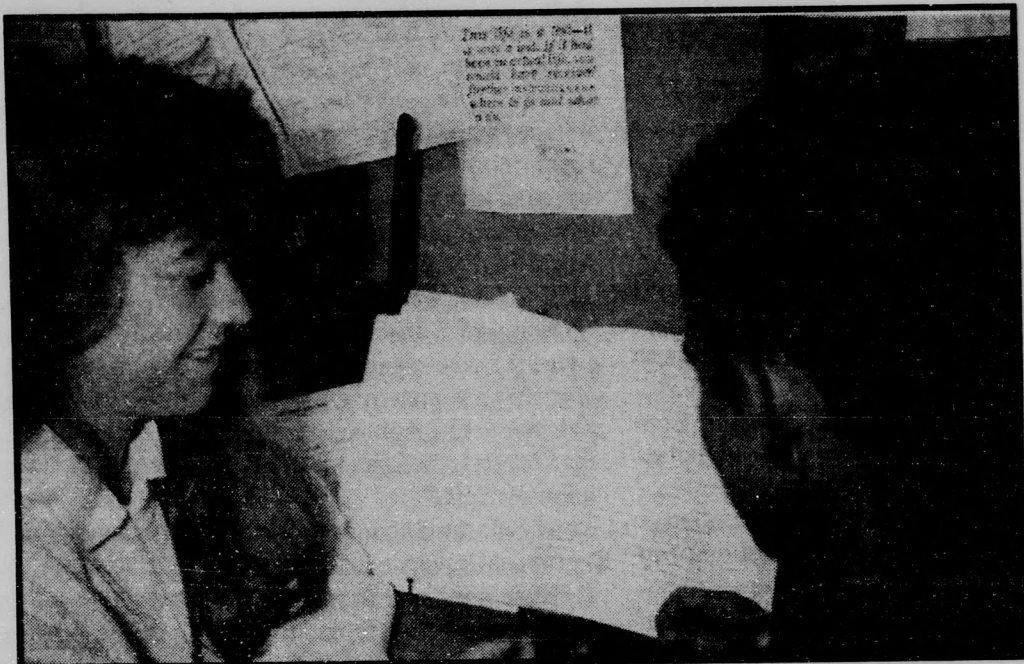
EOPS also experienced these benefits due to a move into U-101, which allowed them to expand far beyond what was possible in their old office space.

The circumstances were very much the same for Outreach, a program devised to encourage children and young adults in Santa Ana to attend college, and for the SSS, which provides services to eligible students who are low-income, first generation, or physically disabled college students.

Staff members of Outreach were confined to a single room, as were 11 staff members of SSS, which made organization very difficult.

"These improvements lead to benefits for everyone involved," says Andrea Rubin, a learning facilitator for SSS.

Today, these two programs enjoy actual offices where they can work, separated by



Andrea Rubin helps RSC students overcome social barriers.

All Stuart/el Don Photo

cubicles, and operate more productively as a result.

Outreach staff no longer must carefully avoid stepping on paperwork while trying to get from one side of the room to another. They can work comfortably, so the thousands of children they help will experience the benefits of the expanded space.

Students visiting SSS can now wait in a

reception area and use computers for tutoring. Staff work in virtually soundproof cubicles and have new file cabinets that help in organization.

With these face-lifts, Student Support Services employees can focus on their job: helping students in a friendly, professional manner.

## CRISIS: social services get hardest hit

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Overall, Popejoy's plan brings total job reductions since January to 1,981 from a work force of 18,000.

But the total \$1.6 billion budget, including fee revenue and state or federal grants, will fall 11.3 percent.

Public hearings on Popejoy's proposed budget will be held over the next two weeks. Popejoy hopes the Board of Supervisors will approve the budget by the end of this month, and expects layoff to begin in April.

The slashing of a total 1,040 jobs is in addition to the 200 layoffs and some 300 vacant jobs eliminated in December by other county officials. Since the bankruptcy, the county's work force of 18,000 employees has been reduced by more than 10 percent.

The hardest hit will be the poor, abused and mentally ill who depend on the county's safety net.

Although county officials have said that public safety and health remain priorities no department escaped Popejoy's heavy budget ax.

Preventive programs will take a back seat to protective services as county officials decide how to continue assisting families and defending children with one-third fewer employees and \$36.6 million fewer dollars.

The Social Services Agency bears the overwhelming brunt of the hit. About 1,106 jobs have been eliminated in the department since last year, more than half of the county's total personnel reduction.

Other departments that would be hit hard by layoffs are the auditor-controller with 53, the Health Care Agency with 36, waste management with 42 and General Services Agency with 36.

"It is an especially dark day for county employees," said John Sawyer, general manager of the Orange County Employees Association.

Sheriff Brad Gates said the impact will become apparent in April when the layoff process begins.

"You can expect to see delayed services in the Auditor-Controller's Office. Delayed services in the Tax Collector-Treasurer's Office. Delayed services from county counsel if you have a legal question. Delayed services issuing permits so you can add on to your home and get licenses for all kind of events."

Even as Popejoy announced his plan for cutting next year's budget, county officials said they were still struggling to pencil out the current fiscal year's budget.

"It is sickening to see this happening to people who have donated their working lives to the county, who have to be laid off because of no fault of their own," said Supervisor Jim Silva. "I am very, very down."

## LABELS: finding ways of helping

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complete college. "In most cases accommodations can be made that are not lowering the standard of the institution in any way, but merely giving that person equal access to the knowledge and expertise of the institution," says Eittington.

In fact, this accessibility is the law. Section 504 of the Vocation Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1973 insure that any "otherwise qualified handicapped individual will not be denied access to programs receiving federal funds because of his or her handicapping conditions." This includes students with learning disabilities. In 1993, several colleges were cited by the Office for Civil Rights for refusing to make academic adjustments, such as

allowing extended time for tests or providing taped textbooks for students with LDs.

But unlike the equal access laws that apply to public elementary and high schools, this law does not mandate specific services. That is why it is critical for college students to make their disability known and identify any assistance they need.

For students whose impairment is largely auditory, Eittington says listening to a lecture and processing information rapidly enough to take clear notes are insurmountable tasks. These students might use note taking services or be allowed to tape lectures. Similarly, for those who have difficulty processing print, taped texts are available through Recording for the Blind. **Please see AID, Page 4**

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# Affirmative action scrutinized

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### Supporters of amendments call old laws discriminatory

By Darlyn Lee  
Opinion Editor

Once heralded as a program to ensure fairness, Affirmative Action has come under attack from community members and politicians.

A proposed California initiative will amend the state constitution to take out forms of government-sponsored affirmative action for women and minorities. The California Civil Rights Initiative would target state

and local hiring and admissions to California schools.

Proponents of the CCRI say affirmative action programs discriminate against those who belong to the majority while favoring minorities. Supporters of the initiative feel affirmative action policies permit reverse discrimination and therefore should be repealed.

In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order requiring federal contractors to "take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed...without regard to their race, creed, color or national origin."

In 1978, the Supreme Court in Regents of University of California vs. Bakke approved the principles of affirmative action programs and upheld the right to use race as a factor in Admissions.

"Affirmative Action does not guarantee an end result," said Dr. Elizabeth Harris, Director of Personnel Services and Affirmative Action Officer. What it does "is provide information about job openings to as broad of group as possible."

The fervor surrounding the initiative has reached Sacramento and Washington leading some political analysts to predict that affirmative action will become the defining issue in national politics.

Addressing California Republicans at a luncheon on Feb. 25, Governor Pete Wilson announced his support for the initiative. Wilson vowed to rescind programs by executive order to the extent that he can. He believes that affirmative action programs are unfair and that state law should be "colorblind."

State Assembly Speaker Willie Brown defended affirmative action programs however and warned supporters of the proposed ballot measure that they are practicing "racism."

Although President Clinton has gone on the record that he opposes quotas and guaranteed goals, he has not taken a position on the issue until further review of the program.

"Programs based on economic need work better, have a bigger impact, and generate broader support," said Clinton.

On March 24, officials from the Justice Department's civil rights division will testify before a House panel on affirmative action.

"I think the reason this has become a political issue has to do with certain groups in our society



Dr. Elizabeth Harris

today believes affirmative action creates an uneven playing field for that group rather than an even playing field for everyone," said Harris.

Affirmative Action efforts come in recruitment and making sure there is not an adverse impact on a group as they go through different levels when applying for a job, according to Harris.

## CHANGES: road long but worth effort

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make their needs known and become a strong presence on campus. Twenty-two years ago Mary Majors became the coordinator of RSC's Program for the Physically Disabled. Majors, a former instructor in Special Education, has spent most of those twenty-two years attempting to locate funding to install an automatic door for the Disabled Student Center in room R-101.

"It's not that we've moved around and they couldn't decide where to put it," explains Majors, "we have been in the same location since 1973."

Now with the new door finally in place, students who use wheelchairs or canes will now find access to the center easier.

"The students love it and it has saved wear and tear on the door frame and surrounding furniture already."

But as Majors explains, most improvements have often been long in coming and not gained without a fight.

"We had been trying for a few years to get a covered waiting area for students (who depend on rides) but we had no luck. No funds, the

bus company wanted advertisement if they put it up, etc."

"Finally," explains Majors, "the students themselves became involved. They approached the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor with their needs - continued to pester them until they got responses."

"We took pictures of students with their canes and in their wheelchairs waiting in the rain for Dial-A-Ride," admitted Majors with a sly grin, "and the combination of things got the job done."

RSC student Darlyn Lee uses crutches for C.P. and agrees that the modifications are needed but she's skeptical. "The only changes I have noticed is the repair done to the building next to the library. I have not really seen better access."

When asked what changes she would like to see on campus Lee noted the obstacles in most rest rooms. "The doors are heavy or you have to enter through two doors. The stalls are often not wide enough or in the case of the rest room in the C building, the stall for disabled does not have a door, so you have no privacy."

## AID: bringing out talents

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the Blind.

Eitington says a student might request a slight change in the way he or she is tested, for example, by being given more time to complete an exam or being given an oral, instead of written, exam. For a person whose eye-hand coordination makes handwriting difficult, a word processor might be used. If a person has ADHD, he or she might be allowed to take the test in a private room with no distractions.

A college may also allow a student more time to complete the degree without changing any of the course requirements. College students with LDs usually have to work much harder than other students, re-reading assignments, making a dozen drafts of papers or preparing daily outlines for each class. This often means the student may not be able to carry a full course load.

However, all this assumes students are aware that they have a disability. While many of us may

assume disabilities are discovered in childhood, these "hidden handicaps" often go undiagnosed.

Eitington says most of the LD students she sees were not diagnosed until college. "These students are very bright and can mask it until confronted with the faster pace and higher level of college."

Many students with LDs have above average IQs and automatically developed some compensatory skills to get them through high school. They may also be exceptionally good in one area, but weak in others. For example, they may be very articulate in class discussions but unable to complete a written test. It may not be until facing the rigorous demands of college that they come to realize they have a problem. If the LD is diagnosed, it can keep the student from being overwhelmed and dropping out.

Most often, the LD is recognized by faculty or the student during foreign language courses.

"Often students have done well in

**"These students are very bright and can mask it until confronted with the faster pace and higher level of college."**

Norma Jo Eitington  
-Georgetown University

high school language programs because it was not taught exclusively in the language," explains Eitington. "At the college level, where classes are taught in the language and are fast-paced, students with auditory processing difficulty can't process quickly enough."

In cases where foreign language classes are required for graduation, this type of learning disability could Please see, FEARS Page 5

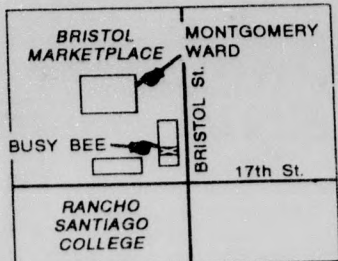
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end a student's college career. At Georgetown, Eittington says they work with the students and, if necessary, modify this requirement.

Sometimes learning disabilities manifest in surprising ways. A booklet produced by Hunter College for the National Center for Learning Disabilities cites the example of a student who had successfully completed a year of Spanish. Then unexpectedly, a problem occurred his second year when the professor wrote a test on the blackboard in all capital letters. Suddenly, the student couldn't translate a single word. He was not able to make the seemingly simple jump from the upper and lowercase words he always had seen to all capitals.

In the struggle to learn, those students often experience frustration, embarrassment, humiliation, depression, anger and fatigue. They also may be afraid to reveal a learning disability, even to a professor, for fear of being rejected. But keeping silent will only lead to failure, according to experts in the field. They strongly recommend students immediately discuss the disability with professors and determine the best way to meet the demands of the course.

For students who were diagnosed early but have been unable to handle LDs, there is also a new alternative. Landmark College in Vermont is the only college exclusively for students with LDs and offers a two-year degree. It features small class sizes, more class time, one-on-one language skills tutorials and quiet hours in dorms (students must live on campus). Students are not allowed to use taped books, to take oral tests or to record lectures. Instead, they learn to function in a regular classroom so that they can continue on to a four-year institution.

No matter what the method, students with LDs are succeeding.

Just ask Roseberry. His dream is still unfolding. Besides maintaining a 3.0 grade point average, Roseberry made his college football team, which set off a national media blitz. When President Clinton came to campus in January, he asked to meet Roseberry and mentioned him in his speech.

"I heard that you've got a guy my age on your football team," Clinton said to the Kutztown audience. "Where is Chuck Roseberry? Where is he? Stand up. . . That's good."

"You know, it's all I can do every morning to get up and go jog, and I resent you," continued Clinton. "I can't believe it. But I'm impressed."

The President isn't the only one who is impressed by Roseberry. Now a Hollywood company wants the movie rights to his story.

To those with learning disabilities, Roseberry is a hero not just because he is living the fantasy of middle-aged men nationwide, but for his accomplishments in the classroom.

# Protestors rally against cuts

By Justin Bergman  
Special to the el Don

WASHINGTON—About 200 Washington-area college students rallied on Capitol Hill last week protesting Republican-proposed cuts in student financial aid programs.

The demonstration came at a time when Republicans have outlined deep budget and tax cuts aimed at reducing the deficit.

Up for consideration are significant cuts to student aid, including the elimination of interest subsidies for student loans while students are attending college.

Rep. Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.) said students must organize on every campus across the nation to protest financial aid cuts.

"Student loans are an investment in the country," Lowey said. "The

Republican majority is showing their extremism, and you have to fight them at the ballot box."

Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif.) told the students she wanted to take the energy and the intelligence of the crowd and "pass it out in the House." She said reducing cuts to financial aid is her top priority because more than 1,000 students in her district will lose their loans if the legislation passes.

In response to the speeches, students chanted, "Students vote, too," and "Boot the Newt," referring to House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.).

Woolsey said if students are not able to attend college because they cannot afford it after their loans are taken away, "we won't have people ready to walk the halls of government when we get rid of Newt."

Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.)

said the Republican majority in Congress is fighting a war against young people by vowing to take their financial aid and funding for school lunches. She said students can fight back by using their power to vote.

"They are about to take away from you the opportunity to run this country," she explained. "They think you're not going to vote. . . Yes, you can vote."

Sen. Clairborne Pell (D-R.I.), the founder of the Pell grant, also addressed the crowd. He told the students he believes "deeply" in the need to invest in education because the strength of the nation depends upon the character and education of the American people.

The rally also featured four area students, who gave their personal accounts of how cuts would effect

them.

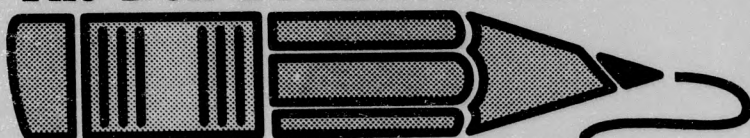
George Washington University freshman Jenny-Brooke Condon said two of her sisters and her mother are all attending college, and "financial assistance has been a lifeline."

She said there is no logic to explain why hard working Americans should be denied an education if financial aid is cut.

George Washington freshman Doug Minier, who is the internship coordinator for the GW chapter of the College Democrats, said about 60 percent of GW students are on financial aid, and the cuts are going "to really hit our pocket-books." He said students can make a difference if their voices are heard.

Minier said a national rally is tentatively being planned for the beginning of April.

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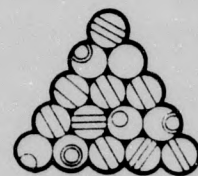
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## Ice House on the Rocks

By Jeff Oberle  
el Don Style Editor

**Local rock showcase closed due to excessive violence**

**t**wo recent stabbings have led to the closing of the Ice House, an alternative punk rock venue in Fullerton.

In a 6-1 vote on March 8, the Fullerton City Council decided to revoke the Ice Houses' conditional-use permit; the venue plans to appeal based on changes it will make to increase security and safety.

The first stabbing occurred on Dec. 16, and was reported to be the work of white supremacist skinheads. The skinheads were apparently provoked by the image of Jimi Hendrix, which was displayed on the victim's T-shirt.

After the first attack, the Ice House replaced its security with a professional group that regularly covers rock concerts.

The second incident took place on Feb. 10. Two men left an ongoing show and were reportedly chased, beaten and stabbed by a large group of assailants. Police believe the incident to be gang related.

Though serious, neither of the two attacks were fatal.

After the second incident, Fullerton police recommended to the city council that the Ice House either be forced to hire 12 police officers as security for each show, or else revoke its entertainment license.

"It's my responsibility for the safety

of the city, and (the Ice House) is becoming a major problem as far as the safety of the city," said Police Chief Patrick E. McKinley.

Eric M. Addeo, head of Culture Shock, the venue's promotion company, feels these demands are unreasonable. "Unless I take ticket prices to \$20-\$25 each, I can't afford the police," he said about the \$50 an hour cost per officer. While the Ice House was open, ticket prices were available for under \$10.

Excluding the 12 officer requirement because of its financial unreality, Addeo said, "We're willing to do everything it takes to stay open."

One solution proposed by Addeo is to double the current security as well as pay for one or two police officers to

work the shows.

"We've done 52 shows in six months, with an average attendance of 300. That's 15,000 kids that have come to our venue in six months, and we've only had two incidents...in a promoting outlook, those are very good numbers," said Addeo.

Fullerton police feel that their scheduled presence, 12 officers above and beyond the normal city shift, is the best solution. If officers are being called to the Ice House, they're unable to patrol other areas.

"These incidents that may require 20 officers to respond to the Ice House to contain the crowd, virtually eliminates any other patrol officers on the streets that are able to respond to calls for

service from the rest of the public. The entire police department on occasion has been tied up due to events at the Ice House," said Fullerton Sergeant Greg Mays.

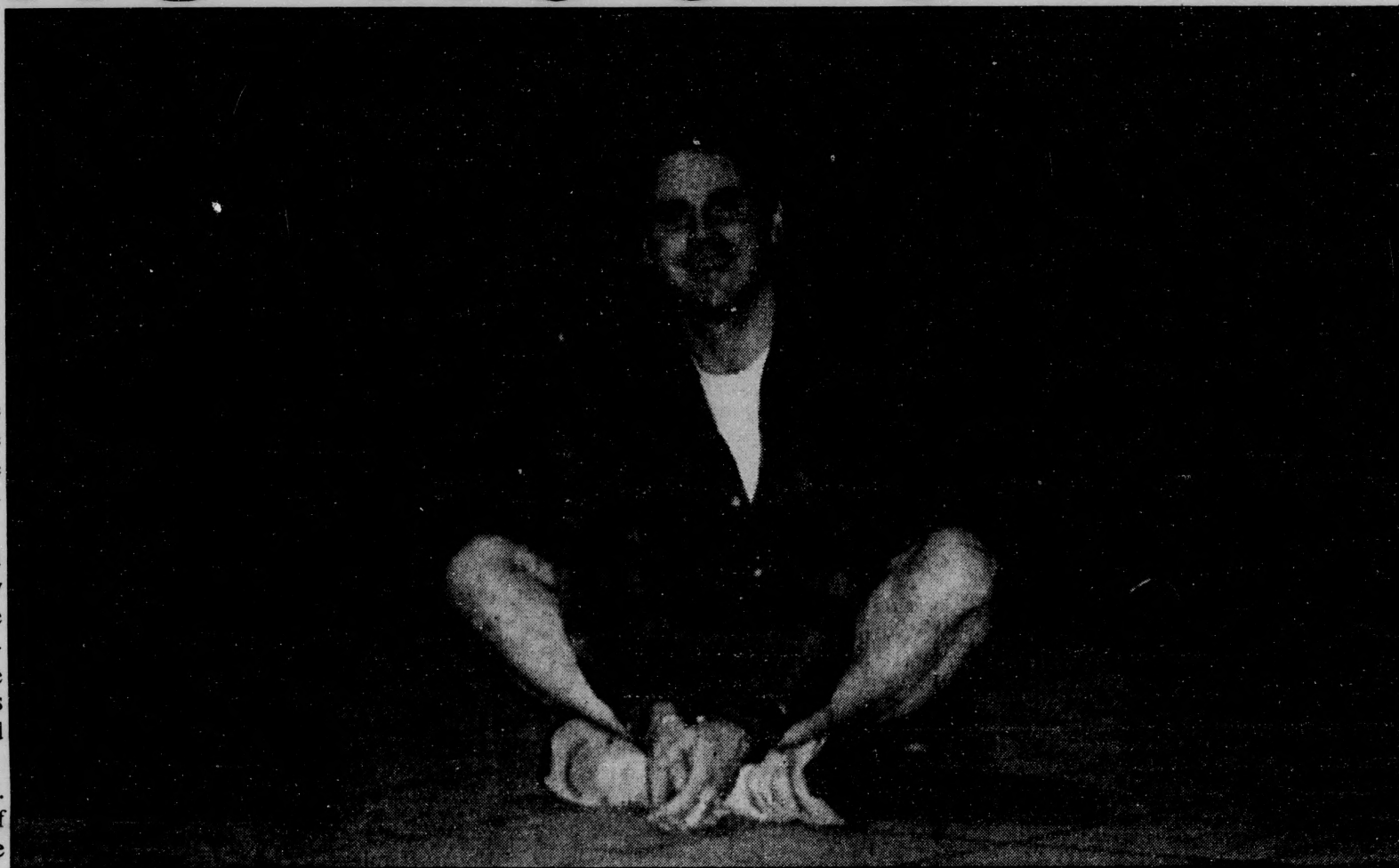
The police also cited high man hours and costs incurred by their visits to the Ice House. Compared with four other problem locations, the Ice House had less calls for service, but more officers and more time required for each incident.

Kevin Holmes, an Ice House supporter said, "If you close someplace like this down, it's not going to eliminate the problem, it's just going to move it to a different area."

Amy Toten, head of Culture Shock's band promotions said, "We'd like to work with the city and the police to try and come up with a resolution."

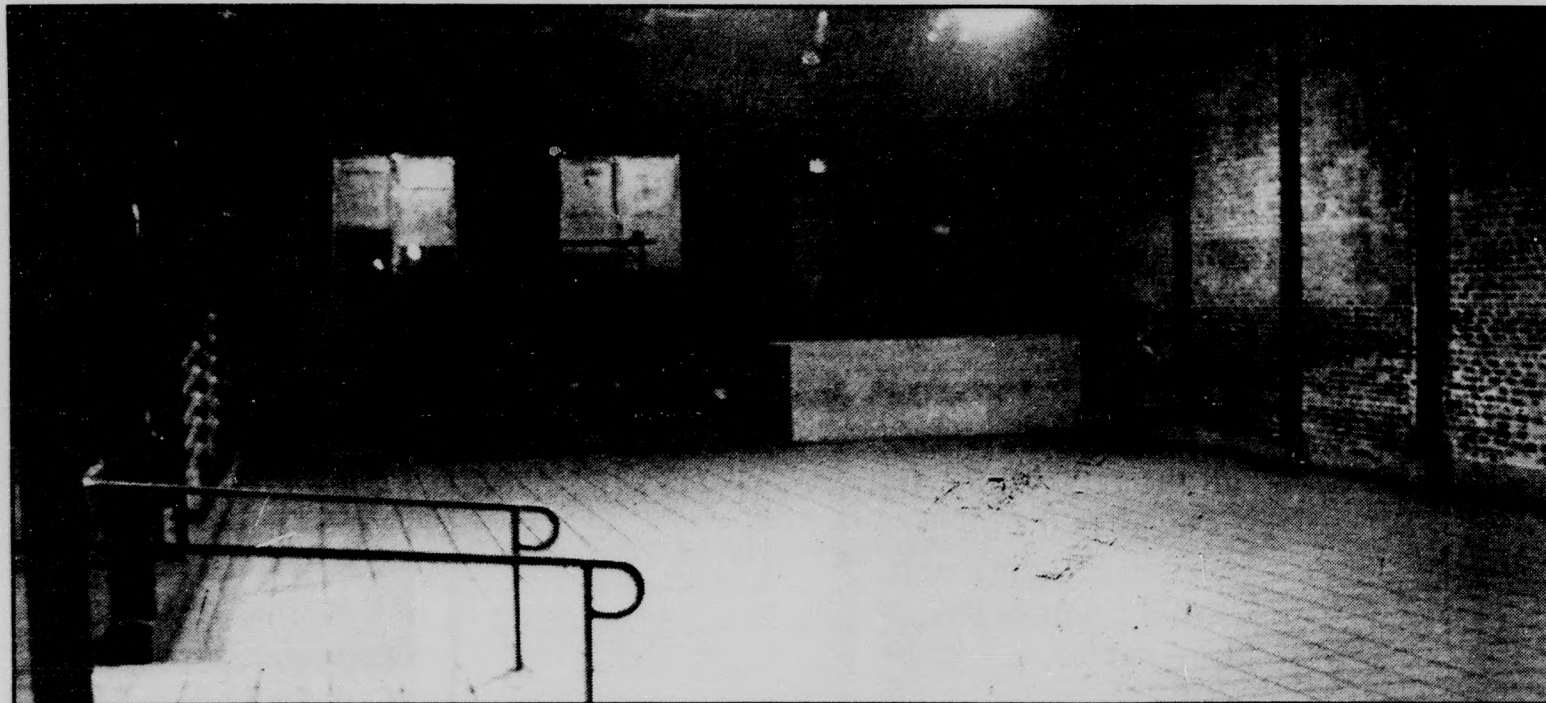
The city council has placed safety as a priority, but their means of obtaining it seem to be shortsighted. Rather than dealing with the "bad element" that comes into Fullerton and the Ice House, the city council apparently decided to eliminate the things which attract this type. This way undesirables will go somewhere besides Fullerton.

In his closing statements, Council Planning Chairman Larry Ballard summed up the council's and the police mood on the Ice House's potential for trouble. "If there isn't any solution to that, if they can't do anything, then the problem will go someplace else. I think that's the purpose of this hearing, to see that it goes someplace else. If it is a problem, we don't want it here," he said.



Photos by Jeff Oberle

Eric M. Addeo, head of the Ice House's promotion company now sits alone where once there was a thriving crowd pit.



In the last six months, over 15,000 kids have attended concerts at the Ice House.



# Sounds of Rivalry

RSC opens Amadeus, a play of bitter rivalry and sweet music.

By R.B. Connolly  
el Don Staff Writer

In a well designed production which opened last Friday night in Phillips Hall, RSC's Theatre Arts Department is presenting Peter Schaffer's 1980 award-winning play "Amadeus."

This play is about the supposed rivalry between two 18th century composers, Antonio Salieri and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Salieri, though little known today, was a major influence in his day. Mozart on the other hand, was little recognized in his lifetime but is now acknowledged as a musical genius.

The action of the play starts in 1823 Vienna. Through the near death memories of the aging Salieri, it moves to the decade of 1781 to 1791. Here both men find themselves pursuing fame and fortune in the court of the Austrian Emperor Joseph II.

Salieri, well established in his career at the court, believes that his success is due to the fact that as a boy, he made a pact with God wherein he promised to live a virtuous life if he was allowed to gain fame through his musical abilities.

Into his well-measured world comes the brash and childish Mozart, who is not burdened by such a lofty vow. Salieri realizes Mozart has been gifted by God with musical talents far beyond his own. This discovery fuels Salieri's envy, motivating him to work at destroying Mozart. By the end of the play we discover that in this too, Salieri's talent is only mediocre.

Set designer Tim Mueller offers a wonderful reproduction of an 18th century stage setting, complete with glowing footlights. As can be imagined, sound is a very important element in a play about musicians, and Justin Mathews' comes through without a glitch.

Period costumes and wigs also add to the production's effectiveness, although Mozart's wig could use a bit of

a trim so more of his face is exposed. The cast also seems very comfortable in their ruffles, lace and buckled shoes, almost as though they wore such garb every day.

Both the roles of Salieri and Mozart are major acting challenges which demand great acting precision from the leads. As Salieri, Brian Kojac unfortunately starts off at a slow crawl. The opening scene with the aging, near-death Salieri comes off as cartoon-like. However, when he makes the transformation into the younger Salieri, he finds his voice and builds the performance to its proper crescendo.

In the role of Amadeus, Sean McNall literally hits the stage running, rolling and cavorting as the infantile, immature composer. Again the script demands that the role be played with a balance between childish fool and dedicated musical genius. McNall achieves that balance, acting the idiot one minute and delivering educated, mature opinions on art and music in the next.

Other notable performances are turned in by Shawna Bonaime as Mozart's spoiled and unsophisticated wife Constanze. Brandon Crane is wonderful as the crusty Count Orsini-Rosenberg. His performance is especially notable because he delivers many of his lines in Italian.

Amadeus is an ambitious project for any theater company to undertake, as the play holds many challenges from both the technical and performance aspects. RSC's Theatre Arts Department competently meets these challenges, creating a marvelous play.

Amadeus is playing in Phillips Hall until March 19. Student admission is only \$8.



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Sean McNall (above, right) stars as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Brian Kojac plays his rival Antonio Salieri. Below the detailed costume designs lend great depth and credibility to the play.



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# DREAMING TO Teach

By Torsha Weathers  
el Don Feature Editor

**V**irginia Starrett, an RSC English instructor, was diverted from her dream of becoming a teacher early in life but after returning to Rancho as a student it has finally come true. "When I was in sixth grade I belonged to Future Teachers of America and that's what I told myself what I really wanted to be. When I was in high school I got married and dropped out. I worked as a secretary, clerk, and researcher for 20 years. So when I thought about what I really wanted to do with my life I realized I wanted to be a teacher," said Starrett.

Returning to school was a big step for Starrett but she found a positive environment at the Santa Ana campus.

"I was fortunate to have wonderful teachers that related to who I was as a student. I feared I was going to feel out of place, but that wasn't the case. I grew up with same interesting mix of people that is here at Rancho Santiago College and I very much enjoy the diverse population," she said.

While at Rancho she was a student member of the Women's Programs and Services Committee and took courses with women's studies emphasis that satisfied her general education requirements.

Starrett's interest in Women's Studies however was from experiences in her life.

"I was in the working world, a struggling, divorced mother with two kids to raise. I encountered barriers as far as pay and child care problems. I became interested in some of the things I was hearing on the news and in other peoples' conversations about women striving to have more issues about them brought up, discussed and addressed," she said.

From RSC Starrett transferred to California State University Fullerton where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees. She has been an



Starrett, 49, teaches English with a Women's Studies emphasis on campus.

**An RSC returning student comes back to the campus to teach about the struggles of being a woman.**

English instructor at our campus for over four years.

"My first choice was to come back and to teach at Rancho. I felt so at home here and admired what they (teachers) were doing," she said.

Starrett, 49, teaches English 101 and English 103 with women's emphasis but she said her courses are not just for women.

"I have just as many male students as I had females in that class when I taught it last semester. They found it enlightening to look at some of the patterns of discrimination that have taken place in the past and also the great leaps forward that women have made in some areas. They also seem to appreciate the knowledge from looking up issues about women," she said.

Omar Herrera, an English major at RSC, found Starrett's courses to be interesting and surprising.

"There was so much about women that hasn't been brought up throughout history. I found out there are so many subjects that women have contributed in," said Herrera.

Starrett, chairwoman of the Women's Programs and Services Committee, also put together an event in the amphitheater March 8, for International Woman's Day.

Mary Ann Szyskowski, a Woman's Studies major and student of Starrett's, was one of the speakers last Wednesday.

"Women make more contributions to society than that is taught in school. I felt honored to be able to speak in front of all these people and acknowledge the contributions they made to society," said Szyskowski.

Many women do not recognize the need for special attention, according to Starrett.

"Many women feel that we have come a long way and now is the time to enjoy the benefits. I think that's why it's so important that there is certain pockets of women in different places who say celebrate where we are and not just rest comfortably in it," she said.



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## Staff Editorials

### Louganis brings AIDS awareness to surface

Greg Louganis' admission that he was HIV positive at the time he competed in the 1988 Seoul Olympics has once again brought the issue of AIDS and the stigma associated with the virus to public consciousness.

Louganis has been criticized for not informing the Olympic Committee or the doctor who stitched up his head wound after he hit the edge of the diving board of his medical condition. He also been criticized for putting his fellow competitors in jeopardy of contracting the virus even though the risk was minimal.

It is true that by not informing the physician of his condition Louganis acted irresponsibly. Louganis was aware the physician was not wearing gloves and could have exposed him to the virus.

However, one only has to bring up the topic of AIDS in conversation to understand why Louganis chose not to say anything. AIDS has always been and still is a four letter word. Unlike cancer, when a person acknowledges they have AIDS or they are HIV positive they do not get the "oh, that's too bad" response or a sympathetic look.

Instead they are confronted with being ostracized by society and judged by people they meet. They have to deal with speculation about their sexuality because of the stigma associated with the virus.

Louganis' decision to keep his HIV status a secret was human. He knew he would be ostracized and judged. He did not want that for himself. If given a choice, what would you have chosen?

Louganis' victories at the Olympics gave this country four gold medals and a sense of pride for a job well done. Now, it is our turn to give him something in return. We can start by giving him a little understanding.



## Staff Editorials

### Gang graffiti turns violent

Graffiti visually reminds us of how much control we have lost over vandalism and crime; of our helplessness in doing anything about it. Graffiti scars the soul of the city, and our own souls along the way.

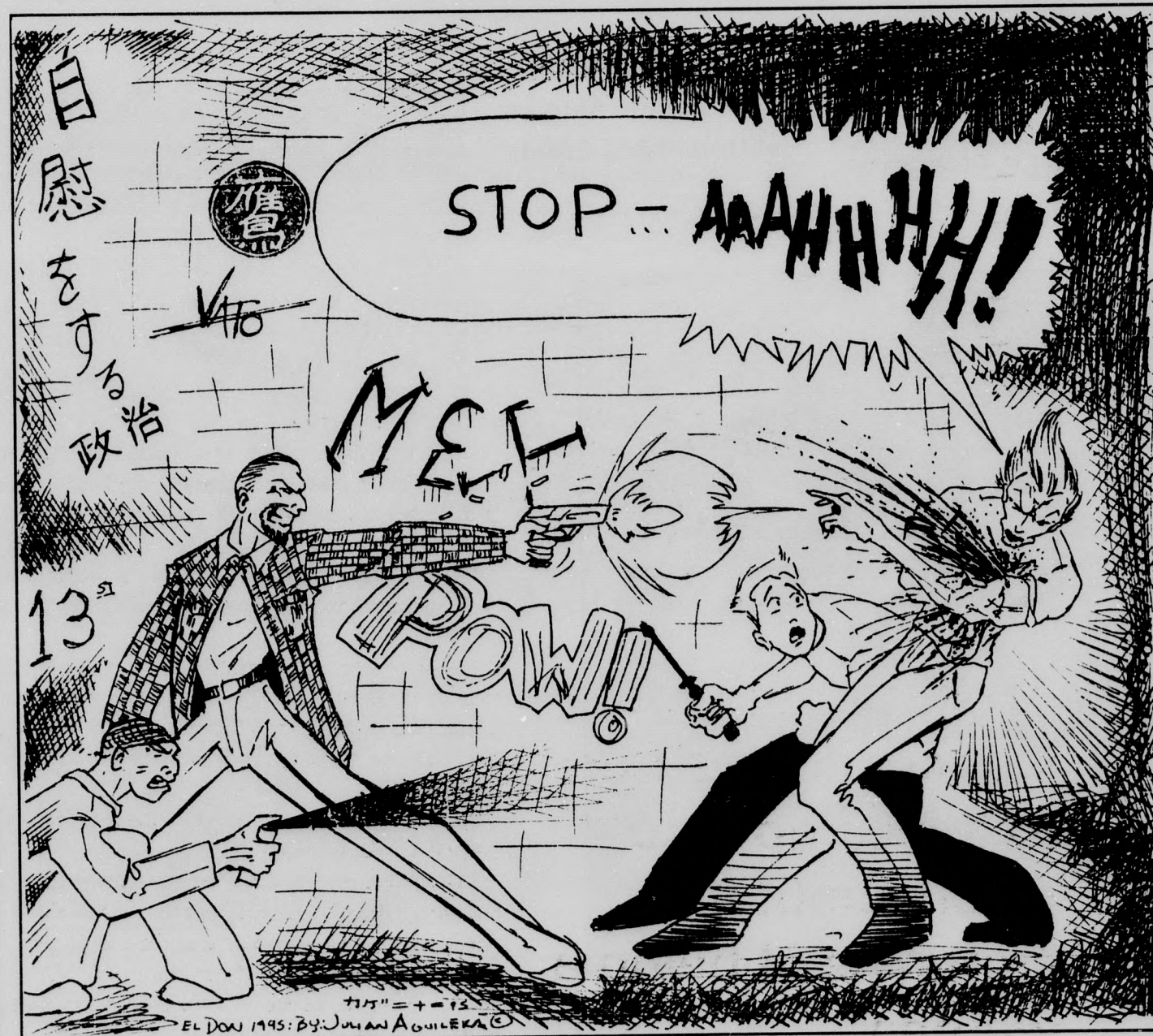
With the growing fear on Los Angeles city streets it is not surprising to hear about William A. Masters.

Masters confronted two taggers who in turn attacked him. Masters has been charged with a misdemeanor in the shooting death of one of the taggers.

Because Masters described his attackers as "Mexican skinheads," the Latino community saw a racial motive in the slaying of Cesar Rene Arce.

The Latino community should not be shocked. Graffiti on urban billboards are not meant to be secret. They do not whisper, they shout. And they do so in their own ethnic language.

Masters actions may have been extreme but he was confronted by a growing nightmare of graffiti violence. He exercised his constitutional right to protect himself.







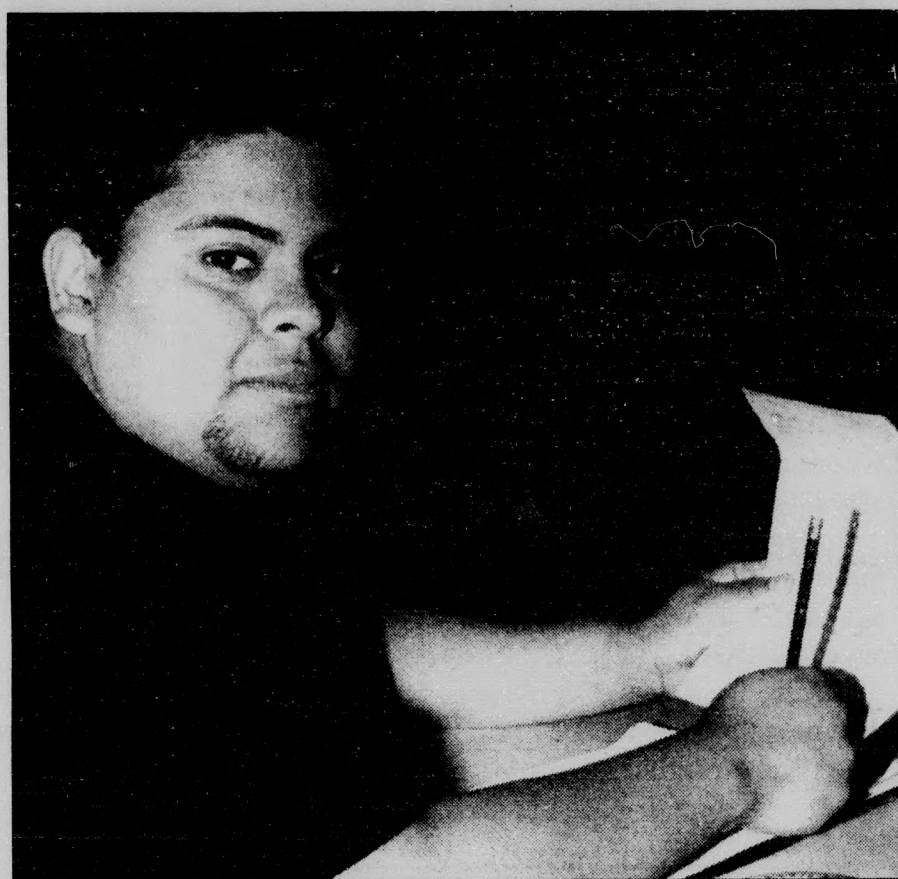
Maria Vaca, Sonia Alvarez, Monica Rivera make up the pep squad with Alaniz.

**M**ac Alaniz started cheering on a dare from friends and is now looking ahead to a three year career of cheering at a university. At first he was ridiculed. But that didn't stop him because he enjoyed cheering and his family was very supportive.

He not only cheers, but also goes to school full time to get his education. A person who likes to get involved with his peers, Alaniz is active in student government. He can be seen in the game room; simply because he is the game room manager. Mac got the job from a friend he met in student government. His duties include supervising the game room, scheduling work for other employees and reporting income from the games.

As you can see Mac is very involved with the world around him from school, to work, to cheering at events, and still finds time to teach gymnastics part time. He is a man of many talents, loved by family and friends, he can always be found with a cheer in his heart.

# A HEART *Full Of* CHEER

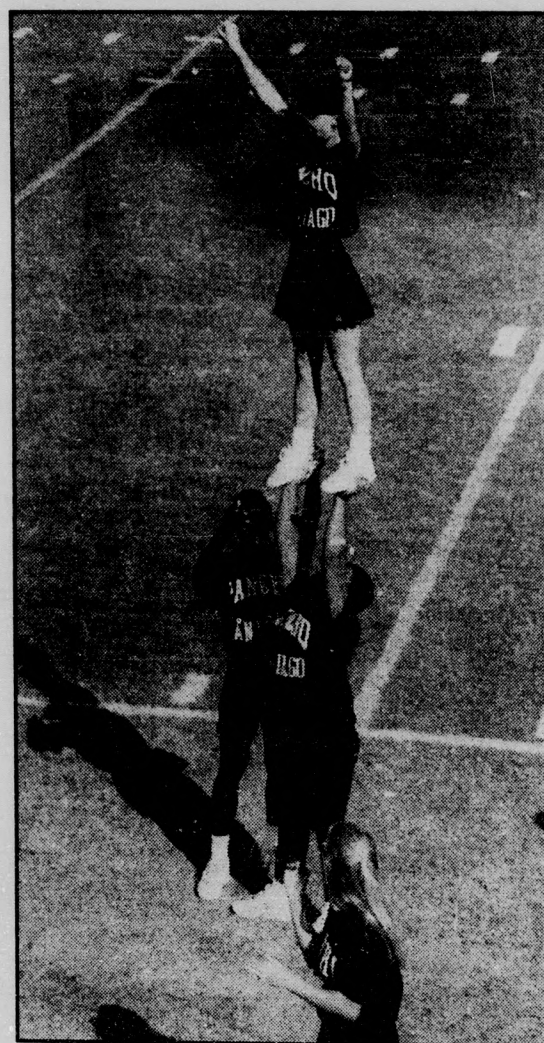


Alaniz prepares game room paperwork to meet district standards.

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By Armando Mugica  
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Monica, Maria, and Mac will practice all night to get it right.



Mac raises cheerleading at Rancho games to a new level.



# Sports

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## Sportsline



### BASEBALL

Thur., Mar. 9  
Golden West 1  
RSC 0

**Next Game:**  
Sat., Mar 18  
at Rancho vs.  
Saddleback 12  
noon.

### SOFTBALL

Wed., Mar. 16  
Fullerton 2  
RSC 0

**Next Game:**  
Mon., Mar 20  
at Rancho vs  
Irvine Valley 3  
p.m.

### SWIMMING

Fri., Oct 21  
Grossmont  
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RSC.

**Next Meet:**  
Fri.-Sat., Mar  
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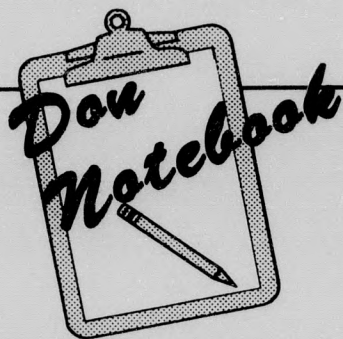
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OCC 385  
RSC 387  
G. West 419

**Next Match:**  
Mon., Mar 20  
at Western  
Hills CC 10  
a.m.

### TRACK & FIELD

Tue., Oct 25  
RSC 88  
SD Mesa 50

**Next Meet:**  
Fri.-Sat., Mar  
17-18 at  
Bakersfield  
(All-Day)



### BASKETBALL:

Don basketball player Jimmy Harris, who led the team with 94 three-point field goals, has signed a letter of intent to play at Hawaii University in Honolulu next season. Harris, a graduate of Ocean View High School, played one season at Loyola Marymount University before transferring to RSC. He holds the Don single season record with 247 three-point attempts.

### SWIMMING:

The Rancho Santiago women's swimming team, which finished fifth in the state last year, is off to a slow start with an 0-2 mark after losing to Grossmont College March 14. But sophomores Heather Burton and Michelle Morris were bright spots for the Lady Dons. The pair captured three events between them.

## Dons Wynn running away

■ Rainstorm does not deter track stars from win over Mesa

By Chris Jones  
el Don Sports Editor

Rancho Santiago's Dons put down their umbrellas long enough run down the San Diego Mesa Olympians by a score of 88 to 50 in a non-conference track and field meet Saturday at Ward field.

Leading the RSC deluge for head coach Al Siddons were the versatile Tirrell Wynn and middle distance runner Fidel Zavala.

Wynn, a sophomore from El Modena High, used his skills as a decathlete to win four events and lead the Dons in scoring.

Sophomore Zavala, a Santa Ana High graduate, nearly topped Wynn with a pair of first place finishes in the 5,000 and 1,500 meters.

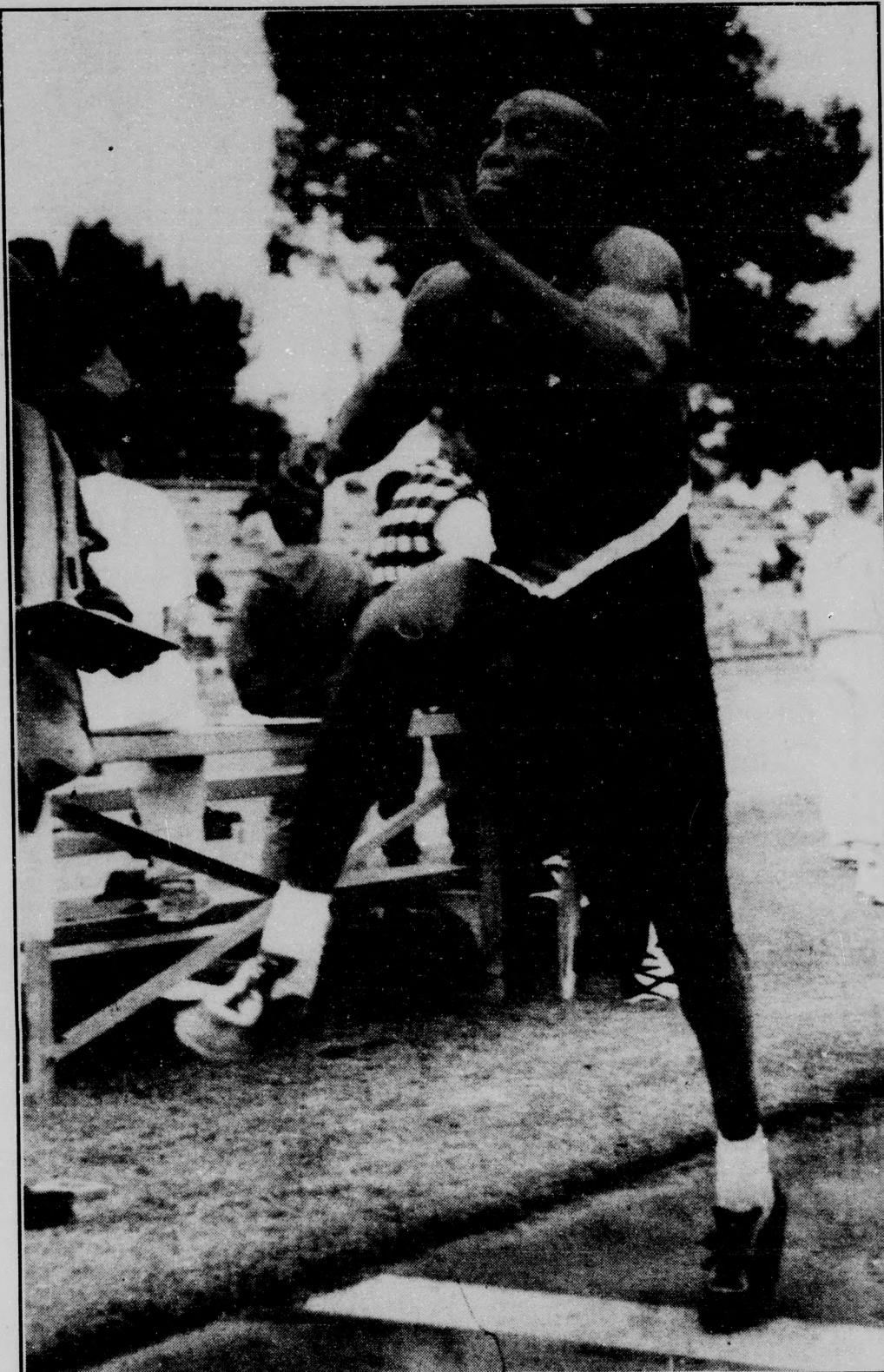
Wynn won the javelin with a throw of 177 feet, then followed up with victories in the 110 meters (15.9 sec.) and the triple jump with a leap of 44 feet, nine inches for his third victory of the day.

Football star Ace Riggins left the competition in the dust in the 100 meter event, winning in an impressive early season time of 10.7 seconds. Riggins matched Wynn in the long jump. Both leaped 21 feet, four inches.

Another football player, sophomore wide receiver Hector Flores, won the 800 meters in 2:04. Flores was the Dons' leading pass-catcher last fall.

Daly, Flores, Riggins and anchor Ernie Wilson - last year's leading rusher on the football team - combined for a second-place finish in the 400 meter relay. The quartet ran the distance in a time of 41.9 seconds.

Siddons' squad hopes to continue its success when it hits the road for the Bakersfield Invitational Track and Field meet March 17 and 18. Several teams are entered in the two-day competition.



Armando Mugica / el Don Photo  
Sophomore Ace Riggins leaps skyward during the long jump competition against San Diego Mesa. Riggins tied teammate Tirrell Wynn for first with a leap of 21'4".

### DONS BASEBALL



Ali Stuart / el Don Photo  
Tony Zuniga swings and misses at a pitch in the Dons' 1-0 loss to Golden West March 9 at RSC. Zuniga failed to get on base as the Dons dropped two games below .500 in the tough OEC race.

## Rustlers win 1-0, Dons drop to 2 - 4

By Daniel Arreola  
el Don Staff Writer

Rancho Santiago's hitting woes continued last week as the Dons suffered their second consecutive defeat, an agonizing 1-0 loss to Golden West in an Orange Empire Conference game March 9 at the RSC baseball complex.

Rancho managed just five hits and stranded 17 baserunners.

"That's probably the most frustrating game since I've been here," Rancho head coach Don Sneddon sighed. "We had so many scoring opportunities and just couldn't produce. I'm very concerned about our hitting right now."

The Dons fell two games under .500 in conference at 2-4 and are now 14-6 overall. The Rustlers improved to 2-3 and 8-12.

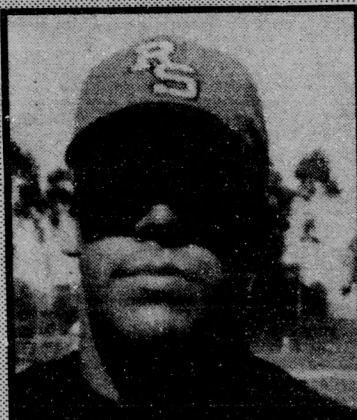
Hard-luck loser Kirk Irvine went the distance for the Dons, giving up only five hits and no earned runs.

The visitors scored the only run of the game in the top of the first inning when a throwing error allowed Nathan Freeman to score what proved to be the game-winner.

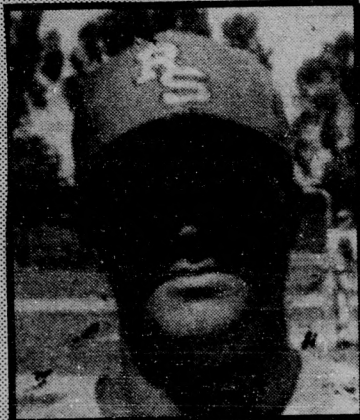
RSC had runners at first and third with one out in the bottom of the ninth but couldn't get the equalizer as the Rustlers held on for the victory.



# Dons Baseball & Softball



**TOBY SANCHEZ:** SO,  
outfielder from Mater Dei.



**KYLE EVANS:** SO,  
first basemen from Katella

## DONS BASEBALL

NO.	NAME	YEAR	SCHOOL
5	Kyle Evans	SO	Katella High
11	Scott Glasser	FR	Millikan High
6	Keith Cowley	SO	Santiago High
22	Tony Zuniga	FR	Saddleback High
8	Jamie Estrada	SO	Santiago High
27	Brian Carlson	SO	Woodbridge High
26	Ryan Fullerton	FR	El Toro High
25	Toby Sanchez	SO	Mater Dei High
4	Casey Wilson	FR	Canyon High
9	Bryan Burrchit	FR	Troy High
24	Chad Henderson	FR	El Modena High
32	Kirk Irvine	SO	Ayala High



**KRISTI BOLLE:** FR,  
infielder from El Modena.



**CHRISTINA MAZURIE:**  
SO, infielder from Foothill.

## DONS SOFTBALL

NO.	NAME	YEAR	SCHOOL
15	Kristi Bolle	FR	El Modena High
7	Christine Culver	SO	Villa Park High
23	Becky Ericksen	FR	Los Amigos High
10	Paula Huguet	FR	Semiahmoo High
5	Courtney Kerley	SO	Mission Viejo High
3	Kristin Kirkwood	FR	Tustin High
6	Carol Lizalde	FR	Lynwood High
17	Grizelda Lopez	FR	Lynwood High
22	Christina Mazurie	SO	Foothill High
20	Melody Robles	SO	Century High
13	Kathy Shirley	SO	Loara High
33	Rennee Taylor	SO	Capistrano Valley High
4	Amy Tessman	FR	Foothill High
29	LaNell Tucker	FR	Orange High
16	Mandy Villa	FR	El Modena High

## Scoreboard

### Dons Baseball 1995 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
3/16	at Riverside 2pm
3/18	Saddleback 12 noon
3/21	at Saddleback 2pm
3/23	at Fullerton 2pm
3/25	Fullerton 12 noon
3/28	at Orange Coast 2pm
3/30	Orange Coast 2pm
4/1	Cypress 12 noon
4/4	at Cypress 2:30pm
4/6	at Golden West 2:30 pm
4/8	Golden West 12 noon
4/13-14	Harball Classic TBA
4/22	Riverside 12 noon
4/25	Saddleback 2:30 pm
4/27	at Fullerton 2:30 pm
4/29	at Orange Coast 12 noon
5/2	Cypress 2:30 pm
5/4	at Golden West 2 pm
5/12-13	State Sectionals TBA
5/19-21	State Regionals TBA

### Dons Softball 1995 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
3/17	at Saddleback 7pm
3/20	Irvine Valley 3pm
3/22	at Golden West 7pm
3/24	at Cypress 3pm
3/27	Riverside College 3pm
3/29	Orange Coast 3pm
3/31	at Fullerton 3pm
4/3	Saddleback 3pm
4/5	at Irvine 3pm
4/7	Golden West 3pm

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